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1. A fastener tab for use on an absorbent garment, the fastener tab comprising:
 - a tab body having a proximal edge for locating proximate the garment, a distal edge opposite the proximal edge, a top edge adjacent the proximal edge, and a bottom edge opposite the top edge; and
 - a fastening area for removeably fastening the tab body to the garment, the fastening area having a first edge,
 - wherein a first tangent line is tangent to a first portion of the first edge of the fastening area,
 - a second tangent line is tangent to a second portion of the first edge of the fastening area,
 - the second tangent line intersects the first tangent line, and
 - one of the first and second tangent lines is non-parallel to a primary pull direction of the fastener tab.
2. The tab of claim 1, wherein a portion of the tab body is elastic.
3. The tab of claim 2, wherein the first portion of the first edge is curved.
4. The tab of claim 3, wherein the first portion of the first edge is concave toward the proximal edge of the tab.
5. The tab of claim 3, wherein the first portion of the first edge is convex toward the proximal edge of the tab.
6. The tab of claim 3, wherein the second portion of the first edge is curved.

7. The tab of claim 6, wherein the first and second portions of the first edge are concave toward the proximal edge of the tab.
8. The tab of claim 6, wherein the first and second portions of the first edge are convex toward the proximal edge of the tab.
9. The tab of claim 3, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.
10. The tab of claim 2, wherein the first portion of the first edge is straight.
11. The tab of claim 10, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.
12. The tab of claim 2, wherein the fastening area has a second edge opposite the first edge,
the second edge having a first portion and a second portion.
13. The tab of claim 12, wherein the first portion of the second edge is parallel to the first portion of the first edge, and
the second portion of the second edge is parallel to the second portion of the first edge.
14. The tab of claim 13, wherein the first portion of the first edge is curved.
15. The tab of claim 14, wherein the second portion of the first edge is curved.
16. The tab of claim 14, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.

17. The tab of claim 13, wherein the first portion of the first edge is straight.
18. The tab of claim 17, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.
19. A fastener tab for use on an absorbent garment, the fastener tab comprising:
a tab body having a proximal edge for locating proximate the garment, a distal edge opposite the proximal edge, a top edge adjacent the proximal edge, and a bottom edge opposite the top edge; and
a fastening area for removeably fastening the tab body to the garment, the fastening area having a first edge,
wherein a first tangent line is tangent to a first portion of the first edge of the fastening area,
a second tangent line is tangent to a second portion of the first edge of the fastening area,
the second tangent line intersects the first tangent line,
the first tangent line is non-parallel to one of the top edge and the bottom edge, and
the second tangent line is non-parallel to one of the top edge and the bottom edge.
20. An absorbent garment, comprising:
a garment chassis;
an absorbent core; and
a fastener tab, the fastener tab having

a tab body with a proximal edge located proximate the garment, a distal edge opposite the proximal edge, a top edge adjacent the proximal edge, and a bottom edge opposite the top edge; and

a fastening area for removeably fastening the tab body to the garment, the fastening area having a first edge,

wherein a first tangent line is tangent to a first portion of the first edge of the fastening area,

a second tangent line is tangent to a second portion of the first edge of the fastening area,

the second tangent line intersects the first tangent line, and

one of the first and second tangent lines is non-parallel to a primary pull direction of the fastener tab.

21. The garment of claim 20, wherein a portion of the tab body is elastic.
22. The garment of claim 21, wherein the first portion of the first edge is curved.
23. The garment of claim 22, wherein the first portion of the first edge is concave toward the proximal edge of the tab.
24. The garment of claim 22, wherein the first portion of the first edge is convex toward the proximal edge of the tab.
25. The garment of claim 22, wherein the second portion of the first edge is curved.

26. The garment of claim 25, wherein the first and second portions of the first edge are concave toward the proximal edge of the tab.

27. The garment of claim 25, wherein the first and second portions of the first edge are convex toward the proximal edge of the tab.

28. The garment of claim 22, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.

29. The garment of claim 21, wherein the first portion of the first edge is straight.

30. The garment of claim 29, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.

31. The garment of claim 21, wherein the fastening area has a second edge opposite the first edge,
the second edge having a first portion and a second portion.

32. The garment of claim 31, wherein the first portion of the second edge is parallel to the first portion of the first edge, and
the second portion of the second edge is parallel to the second portion of the first edge.

33. The garment of claim 32, wherein the first portion of the first edge is curved.

34. The garment of claim 33, wherein the second portion of the first edge is curved.
35. The garment of claim 33, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.
36. The garment of claim 32, wherein the first portion of the first edge is straight.
37. The garment of claim 36, wherein the second portion of the first edge is straight.
38. The garment of claim 20, wherein the first edge stops short of the top edge of the tab body.
39. The garment of claim 20, wherein the first edge stops short of the bottom edge of the tab body.
40. The garment of claim 39, wherein the first edge stops short of the top edge of the tab body.
41. An absorbent garment, comprising:
a garment chassis;
an absorbent core; and
a fastener tab, the fastener tab having
a tab body with a proximal edge located proximate the garment, a
distal edge opposite the proximal edge, a top edge adjacent the proximal edge, and a
bottom edge opposite the top edge; and

a fastening area for removeably fastening the tab body to the garment, the fastening area having a first edge,
wherein a first tangent line is tangent to a first portion of the first edge of the fastening area,
a second tangent line is tangent to a second portion of the first edge of the fastening area,
the second tangent line intersects the first tangent line,
the first tangent line is non-parallel to one of the top edge and the bottom edge, and
the second tangent line is non-parallel to one of the top edge and the bottom edge.

42. A disposable absorbent garment comprising:
a main body defining a longitudinal direction and a cross direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction; and
a pair of fastener tabs, the fastener tabs
being stretchable in the cross direction,
attached to the main body for securing the garment about a wearer,
having a proximal end for attachment to the garment, a distal end opposite the proximal end and end edges connecting the proximal end to the distal end,
having a width defined as that portion of the tab extending
between the end edges in the longitudinal direction, and
having a deadened zone positioned between the distal end and the proximal end, the deadened zone being a segment of substantially non-stretchable material positioned on the fastener tab to create differing zones of stretchability as the tabs are stretched in the cross direction.

43. The garment of claim 42, wherein the deadened zone is created by a segment of hook and loop material extending across the width of the tab non-linearly.

44. The garment of claim 43, wherein the deadened zone is created by hook
5 and loop material attached to the fastener tabs.

45. The garment of claim 42, wherein the deadened zone is created by a segment of hook and loop material extending across the width of the tab, and
at least a portion of the deadened zone is linear.

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46. The garment of claim 45, wherein the deadened zone is created by hook
and loop material attached to the fastener tabs.